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1. Szombathely is in strong Soviet hands, and has been since 1945. Very few Hungarian troops are seen there. In Bagolyvár (Owl's Castle) there is stationed the headquarters of the 21/7th AVH border patrol.
2. The airport is vacant, reconstruction work is going on, and new buildings are being put up. There are reports that a Hungarian air unit will move in shortly.
3. Kormend, on the border, is full of Soviets except for one company of the 22/7th border patrol.
4. In the fort at Koszeg, the 7th border patrol battalion is stationed. Its code number is PF-0691. Its latest commander is Major Julius Domonkos, the political commissar is Capt. Joseph Szabo. Its duty is to keep the western border closed. Many Hungarian refugees have become victims of one of the three companies belonging to this battalion, at Szombathely, Csepreg, and Kormend.
5. During the fall of 1950, 700 recruits were brought in to the Koszeg AVH border-patrol battalion. This overcrowded the barracks so a part of the group was transferred to Nagykanizsa, where another similar battalion is stationed. The remaining group is under the leadership of Lt. Paul Balogh, and it has six infantry and one heavy artillery section.
6. This battalion has 21 posts along the Austrian-Hungarian border. Each post is manned by 60 men. There are a total of 1,700 men in these groups. The 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th AVH border-patrol battalions are stationed along the Austrian and Yugoslav border. The Rumanian and Czech borders are not guarded as heavily.
7. Gyor is an important defense center for the expansion of the satellite army strengths. In the former Vadasz (hunter) barracks there are two Hungarian infantry battalions, with code numbers PF*7912 and PF*7914. Frigyes barracks holds an engineer battalion. The Szabadhegy artillery barracks are occupied by a cavalry unit. The cannons are of 105 mm. caliber. They have over 400 men.
8. The 1st Hungarian AVH border-patrol headquarters is on Cziraky Square, code number PF-0674.
9. The 5th AVH border-patrol battalion headquarters is in barracks known as Teleki barracks. Here also is a training company. Altogether there are about 1,500 men there.

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10. In the Kolostor barracks is the headquarters of Gyor county reserves, which recently issued an order calling in to active service all men between the ages of 25 to 36, regardless of the fact that they might have been in service previously.
11. There are political police at No. 7 Gardonyi Street.
12. The Gyor airport is complete, but no Soviet air units are seen there. Four Soviet courier planes use the airport in their regular flights, twice a week, between Gyor and Papa, Gyor and Szombathely, and Austria. The planes have no numbers, but the letters H A L I T are visible on the side. There is one flight training group active at the airport.
13. The 6th AVH border-patrol battalion is stationed in the Eszterhazy castle on the Csorna river in Sopron. Its training company today has about 600 men stationed in the castle and in a nearby convent.
14. The 8th border-patrol battalion is stationed at Zalaegerszeg. The staff lives in old barracks on Bagodio Street, under the command of Major Stephen Tarr. The strength of the battalion is about one thousand, 600 of whom are engaged in training.
15. In the infantry barracks in Nagykanizsa, there is a "re-orientation" school under the command of Lt Col Bela Csorvas. The code number is PF-5219. Such re-orientation courses have recently become widespread in Hungary. Its purpose is to indoctrinate all veterans in the new Soviet warfare and Soviet doctrine. In theory everyone must undergo this training, who have not been in active service since Soviet occupation. Actually, it is a condensed basic training course lasting about 10 weeks. Reports say, that after that, three more months must be spent on active duty in some army unit.
16. The Gabor Aron barracks is the most modern in Nagykanizsa, located on Nagyrecsi St. It is built of cement blocks, and a Hungarian artillery group is located there.
17. The town's largest barracks are the former Karoly barracks which can easily house three infantry battalions. It is now occupied by a Soviet motorized infantry regiment.
18. The Prince Joseph barracks has five one-story buildings, repair shops, and garages. A Soviet armored battalion and a Hungarian infantry battalion are stationed here.
19. Sopron, although located on the Austrian-Hungarian border, is one of the few cities lucky enough to have no sizable Soviet occupying force. The Flex warehouse is used by the Soviets to store food supply collected in Hungary, and trucks are loaded during the night to carry food supplied to the Soviet soldiers in Austria. The warehouse itself is guarded.
20. In the so-called "18th" barracks, on Manninger Street, is the headquarters of a Hungarian infantry regiment. There is also a guard company there.
21. In the "48th" barracks on Flandorfer Street, which was recently remodeled, and capable of housing two infantry battalions, there are now two Hungarian battalions of only 700 men. Here also, are the offices of the intelligence section of the Military-Political Group. Four officers and 11 civilians are employed here.
22. The Frigyes barracks on Manninger Street has been rebuilt and several new garages have been added. The cavalry barracks on Baross Street are still in ruins. Repair material is now being assembled, and some work has begun on the buildings that are not too badly damaged.
23. The former "Bakoczi" cadet school has not been rebuilt, but in the livable portions an AVH border-patrol company of about 140 men is stationed.
24. Magyarovar is not too important from a military point of view. North of a munitions factory a Hungarian engineer battalion is stationed. They have a great number of pontoon bridges carefully stored. Opposite them are barracks almost completely empty. The last to occupy it was a company training AVH troops.

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